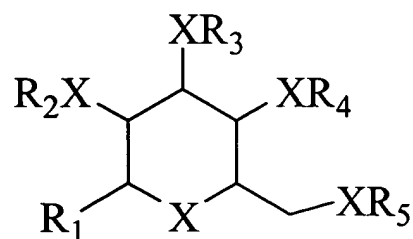


Abstract

Bicyclic carbohydrates for the treatment of infections caused by herpseviridae, and in particular cytomegalovirus. The invention consists of the novel bicyclic carbohydrates the generic structure of which is:



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wherein R₁ is either -Bn or -Ph; R₂ and R₃ are either -alkyl, -aryl, -allyl, or -H; R₄ and R₅ form a ring and are either -CH(Ph)- or -CH(aryl)- and X is either O, N or S.